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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 3-5 and 7-20 are pending in the application.

The Office action rejects claims for double patenting over claims of U.S. Pat. No. 6,954,191. As suggested by the Examiner, a Terminal Disclaimer has been filed, under separate cover, to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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